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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman, Net Evaluation Subcommittee

SUBJECT : Revision of NSC 5511: "A Net Evaluations Subcommittee"

I am considering proposing certain revisions of NSC 5511 in addition to those contained in the draft revision distributed on 5 April and would like to discuss them with you beforehand. The general purpose of each change, I believe, will be apparent to you. The changes which I have in mind to suggest are as follows:

1. Delete the phrase "and key US installations overseas" from both paragraphs 1 and 3. Insert a new second sentence in paragraph 3 as follows: Military operations overseas should be considered only insofar as they (a) require a diversion of Soviet resources from attack on the continental US, or (b) affect US capabilities to execute the [ ] mission and consequently the Soviet capability to attack the continental US.

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2. In the first sentence of paragraph 3, delete the phrase "during approximately the first thirty days of general war" and substitute "during the nuclear phase of a general war (i.e., the period during which the Soviet nuclear weapon stockpile would be substantially expended)."

3. In the second line of paragraph 4, change "October 1" to read "December 1".

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4. Change the second sentence of paragraph 5 to read as follows (insertions underscored): Each Subcommittee member, in accordance with his individual responsibilities, shall be consulted regarding and given ample opportunity to review the following prior to adoption by the Subcommittee: (a) subsidiary terms of reference, (b) the assumptions to be used for each evaluation report, (c) the procedures to be followed in conducting the net evaluation, (d) the complete evaluation report (less background material, which shall be made available only on a "need to know" basis), and (e) any recommendations which the Subcommittee may choose to submit.

5. Change the fourth sentence of paragraph 5 as follows (insertions underscored): The Chairman of the Subcommittee, in consultation with the Staff Director and with members of the Subcommittee in accordance with their individual responsibilities, will prepare regulations and establish procedures for the handling of highly sensitive information\*...."

SIGNED

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